

## **Clackamas County 4-H Horse Presentation Contest**

The 4-H Horse Presentation Contest is an educational experience that allows youth to further develop their abilities to relate their horse industry knowledge to others. This contest may be a demonstration, presentation, or and illustrated presentation.

### **Objectives**

1. To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to express their knowledge of equine science and husbandry.
2. To develop within youth interested in the horse industry the ability to speak confidently before the public.

### **Contest Rules**

1. A contestant may participate in only one category of this contest per year. The categories are individual presentations and team presentations.
2. Members of a team presentation may not be of mixed age Divisions.
3. Contestant order will be determined prior to the contest.
4. The use of notes is permitted. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant at the judge's discretion.
5. No live animals will be permitted.
6. The presentation Length shall be:
  - a. 3 – 7 minutes for Juniors
  - b. 10 – 15 minutes for Intermediates and Seniors
7. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under or over the time frame.
8. During the presentation the contestant should:
  - a. Introduce themselves by Name, Club, and Presentation Topic
  - b. Cite their major reference materials.
9. Only the Judge may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Contestant should repeat the questions and then answer it. The time used for questions will not be counted as part of the allotted presentation time.
10. Ties will be broken first by the contestant's accumulated delivery score, second by the organization score, and third by the content and accuracy score.
11. Presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
12. No topic of a similar title content or subject may be cross-entered into the public speaking contest.
13. Content must consist of new material not previously exhibited by the contestant at a prior Clackamas County 4-H horse presentation contest.

## **Presentation Scoring**

### **A. Introduction (10 points)**

- a. Did introduction create interest in the subject?
- b. Was introduction short and to the point?
- c. Was a catchy title used?

### **B. Organization (25 points)**

- a. Was only one main idea presented?
- b. Did discussion directly relate to the step as it was shown?
- c. Could the audience see each step?
- d. Were materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized?
- e. Were charts/posters used if and when needed?
- f. Were key points of each step stressed?

### **C. Content and Accuracy (25 points)**

- a. Were facts and Information accurate?
- b. Was there enough information concerning subject?
- c. Were approved practices used?
- d. Was credit given to sources of information?
- e. Was content appropriately related to horse industry?

### **D. Stage Presence (10 points)**

- a. Was presenter neat and appropriately dressed for subject?
- b. Did presenter speak directly to audience?
- c. Did presenter look at audience?
- d. Was the presentation too fast or too slow?
- e. Was good teamwork displayed?

### **E. Delivery (15 points)**

- a. Did presenter appear to enjoy giving presentation?
- b. Did presenter have good voice control?
- c. Were all words pronounced correctly?
- d. Were notes used without distracting from presentation?
- e. Did presenter seem to choose words at the time they were spoken?  
(Natural vs. Memorized).

### **F. Effect on Audience (5 points)**

- a. Did the audience show and interest in the presentation?
- b. Could audience go home and carry out the idea?

### **G. Summary (10 points)**

- a. Was the summary short and interesting?
- b. Where the key points briefly reviewed?
- c. Did the summary properly wrap up the presentation?
- d. Could presenter handle questions easily?